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TITLE: Assessing The Status of Community Planning: A Summary of Community Representation, Intervention And Population Prioritization, and Budget Table Projections For FY 1999

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PURPOSES: This presentation will provide an overview of the principles of HIV Prevention Community Planning and the results from the FY 1999 HIV prevention applications and comprehensive HIV prevention plans.

METHODS: Health departments that applied for FY 1999 HIV prevention funds were required to report on the past year's activities and proposed activities for the upcoming year. The applications included questions regarding planning group membership, prioritization of populations and interventions, and budget table estimates among 3 key HIV prevention activities. These activities including the following: 1) counseling, testing, referral, and partner notification (CTRPN), 2) health education/risk reduction (HE/RR), 3) services targeting persons 13 to 25 years of age (Youth).

RESULTS: Results indicate that although the majority of jurisdictions have implemented the essential principles of community planning, several challenges remain. Specifically, communities of color are not adequately represented in the planning process. In addition, HIV prevention resources do not adequately mirror the epidemic especially for HIV prevention activities categorized by persons of color, men who have sex with men, and injection drug users. Finally, results indicate an increased need for prioritization of interventions with sound scientific basis.

CONCLUSIONS: This presentation provides an indication of the extent to which the goals of community planning are being met. How well the estimated funds for HIV prevention are categorized by race/ethnicity and behavioral risk groups and how closely these projections correspond with the AIDS epidemic have important implications for HIV prevention programs and prioritized target populations infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

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